

CITY OF HARRINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 14-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 399, PAYMENT FOR UTILITY SERVICES, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HARRINGTON TO INCORPORATE A NEW RATE STRUCTURE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRINGTON IN COUNCIL MET:

Section 1. That § 399-2 shall be amended by deleting the existing section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 399-2. Delinquent bills; notice; discontinuance of services.

Any water or sewer bill that remains unpaid following its due date as shown on the bill shall be deemed delinquent. All delinquent bills shall be assessed a late payment charge as stated in Chapter 425, Water, § 425-1 F. Each property owner whose water or sewer bill is delinquent shall be sent a notice advising that the water or sewer bill is delinquent and that water service shall be discontinued at the expiration of 14 days from the date of mailing of such notice. All such notices shall be sent to the owner's mailing address as shown on City records. If water service is discontinued to a property for nonpayment, water service shall only be reconnected upon payment in full of all delinquent utility balances and the public works service fee for reconnection, as stated in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees.

Section 2. That § 399-5 shall be amended by deleting the existing section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 399-5. Utility billings for registered vacant buildings

All registered vacant buildings, as defined in Chapter 108, Vacant Buildings, shall be subject to the quarterly trash fee as set forth in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. If a registered vacant building is current in a debts owed to the City and is in compliance with all applicable codes, the owner may request, in writing, that water service be discontinued. All such properties shall be subject to the quarterly base billing fee for sewer and water as set forth in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. Should the City find through usage data that the a property owner has reconnected services without the City's knowledge, the property owner will be subject to penalties as described in § 425-5 D and the property will be billed usage fees as set forth in Chapter 180, Fees, Municipal. If the property owner desires to have sewer and water services reconnected, he or she shall submit a written request to the City Manager and pay the Public Works Service Fee as set in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. The account will be reactivated and subject to usage fees.

Section 3. That § 399-6 shall be amended by deleting the existing section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

§ 399-6. Utility discontinuance for existing users.

Property owners wishing to discontinue water and sewer services must submit the request in writing to the City Manager and pay the Public Works Service Fee specified in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. If the property is unoccupied, the City Manager will cause the water service to be discontinued. All such properties shall be subject to the quarterly base billing fee for sewer and water as set forth in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. Should the City find through usage data that the a property owner has reconnected services without the City's knowledge, the property owner will be subject to penalties as described in § 425-5 D and the property will be billed usage fees as set forth in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. If the property owner desires to have sewer and water services reconnected, he or she shall submit a written request to the City Manager and pay the Public Works Service Fee as set in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees. The account will be reactivated and subject to usage fees.

Section 4. That Chapter 399 shall be amended by renumbering the existing sections to accommodate a new § 399-7, which shall be read as follows:

§ 399-7. Full disconnection from utility systems.

Owners of demolished property which was improved at one time and is connected to the public water and wastewater systems who desire to fully disconnect from said systems may do so by submitting a written request to the City Manager. The water meter will be removed and the sewer capped off at that time. All such properties will lose any previously paid impact fees and associated EDUs and shall be subject to any and all fees for improvement of such land including but not limited to water meter, connection and impact fees as set forth in Chapter 180, Municipal Fees.

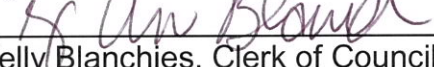
Repealer. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Effective Date. The Clerk of Council shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and cause the same to be published as required by law; and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by Council.

SO ORDAINED by the majority of Council Members present at a regular session of Harrington City Council, to be effective upon signing.



Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

Attest: 

Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

Date of Adoption: June 16, 2014

SYNOPSIS

This Ordinance amends Chapter 399 to revise requirements for registered vacant buildings and discontinuance and full disconnection of utility services.

First Reading: May 19, 2014

Public Hearing: June 16, 2014

Second Reading: June 16, 2014